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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the

Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that the

documents have been considered.

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